

## PERSIAN HIGHWAY IS FOUND USEFUL

To the Russians and Their Reward for Building is Quite Apparent.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—"The Persian highway to Tabriz and Tehran, constructed by Russian capital and Russian engineers, is now rendering back full value to the enterprise of the Moscovite; for Russia has moved into Persia along this way, and in order that the southern flank shall be doubly safe-guarded, and Tabriz not far from the Russian border, the first large station on the highway, has become the base of Russian operations," begins a statement given out today by the National Geographic Society.

"Tabriz is a city whose age and birthplace are unknown; for, like Moscow, it was found in the burrows of the dark ages, a thing of some maturity then but of uncertain antecedents. It is the commercial center of Azerbaijan, and it is the most important window of Persia toward the West. One tradition describes its founding to Zobeidah, the wife of Harun-al-Rashid, the Calif of the Arabian Nights. This date is, probably, much too late a one, as those who know Tabriz count a thousand years but a fraction of the city's life."

"It is a monotonous expanse of flat-roof, single-story houses, strewn haphazardly over the plain. The buildings are dull in appearance, and constructions of clay and plaster, the outer walls windowless and almost unadorned. Unpainted, heavy, wooden doors, studded with nails, form the entrance ways; an, within, the houses face upon the exclusive brick and plaster courts. In the distance a fringe of mountains, here and there rising in majestic cones, relieve the tedium of the dull-colored, heavy-featured city."

"As in the earliest times, so today, walls surround Tabriz, without which gardens, vineyards and orchards thrive. This region has long been famous for its fruits and vegetables, though they are grown in abundance. Within the city's walls, there is a mysterious labyrinth of streets, narrow, winding passages, side alleys and blind pathways. The streets, in most cases are unpaved, and the snow and the slush of winter, and the dust and dirt of summer, are allowed to collect and freely remain upon them. In some cases, cobblestones have been laid, but, mostly, this pavement serves only to add to the misery of the way. People make their way about the city at night carrying huge cylindrical lanterns made of thin muslin. The municipality of Tabriz has not taken up street lighting."

"There is one interesting architectural monument in this northern Persian city, and that is the Ark of King."

the Citadel, which dominates the town. It is a massive structure, built of red brick artistically set, and its battlements rise more than 100 feet in height, while its walls are fully twenty feet in thickness. It is a solemn pile and a gloomy one. Fable has it that criminals were formerly executed by being thrown from its roof, and that one condemned woman escaped this horrible death, as her skirts and balloon-like pantaloons acted as a parachute to break the fall.

"There are 318 mosques in Tabriz, among them the wonderful blue Mosque, known as Masjid-i Rabud. This wonderful specimen of Mohammedan architecture is falling to decay, though it still claims a full meter of admiration from the visiting westerner."

"The bazaars of Tabriz are well-known in the East. They are of the characteristic oriental type, consisting of many miles of narrow arched ways, where light and air are excluded, and smells and darkness religiously kept in. The shops are situated in alcoves along the ways, while crowds of purchasers and donkeys and on foot block all the passages. The bazaars open shortly after sunrise and close at sunset."

"Tabriz is the commercial center of northwestern Persia, and much of its trade with Russia passes along this way. This is an important transit trade as Russia takes the bulk of Persia's export and import business, about fifty per cent. There is some household manufacture in Tabriz, including that of rugs and silver filigree. Americans have hardly begun to open up this market, though their business is welcomed by the purchasing of the 'Treaty of Friendship and Commerce' concluded between the United States and Persia in 1856."

"In the name of God, the Clement and Merciful."  
"The president of the United States of America and his majesty, as exalted as the planet Saturn; the Sovereign to whom the sun serves as a standard; whose splendor and magnificence are equal to that of the skies; the Sublime Sovereign and Monarch whose armies are as numerous as the stars, whose greatness calls to mind that of Jemshid; whose magnificence equals that of Darius, the heir of the crown and throne of the Kalanians; the sublime emperor of all Persia; being equally and sincerely desirous of establishing relations of friendship between the two governments which they wish to strengthen by a treaty of commerce and friendship and useful to the citizens and subjects of the two high contracting parties, have for this purpose named for their plenipotentiaries."

"This is at least a good beginning."

## M'LANE AND DAVIS ELKINS DO NOT AGREE

As a Result of Which They Come to the Parting of the Ways.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Joe McLane, the political alter ego of ex-Senator Davis Elkins, and Mr. Elkins, have arrived at the forks of the road and have headed off in opposite directions. They couldn't agree on whom to support for the gubernatorial nomination, and on other political movements of probably not so great importance. The parting of the ways of these two young politicians, whose influence in the Second district especially is regarded as potential is one of the live topics being discussed by their friends here.

According to the story, Friend Elkins and Friend McLane agreed to disagree in the wake of the former's published endorsement of Judge Ira Robinson's candidacy. McLane couldn't see it that way, and soon let it be known that he was for the nomination of Attorney General A. A. Lilly. That fact Mr. Lane confirmed today in an interview with the correspondent.

"It is true that I favor Lilly's nomination," he said, "and I believe that the outcome of the sharp, vigorous contest between Robinson, Darst and Lilly will be the nomination of the attorney general by a substantial lead. The way I view it, Lilly will sweep the southern part of the state, and will be able to divide the vote up-state with Robinson and Darst sufficiently to maintain the majority that he will come up to the Big Kanawha boundary with practically intact. Mr. Lilly is a campaigner who has few superiors in the party, and when he gets his candidacy going it will be at a pace that will make it interesting for his opponents as well as the public."

Mr. McLane also has some other favorites that are either in the running or soon will be. For instance, he is strong for the nomination of ex-Senator Burton for president. "It looks to me that when it comes to a show down West Virginia will rally to the support of our neighboring state's favorite son," declared McLane.

He also declared that he thought that it would be a good thing for the party at next June's primary to continue Virgil L. Highland as a member of the national committee. This honor was one that it was understood that Davis Elkins was seeking when it fell to the Harrison county leader.

"I have just returned from a trip through the First and Second congressional districts," said Mr. McLane, "and from what I could learn from talks I had with many people, the prospects for reclaiming both those districts by the election of Republican congressmen haven't been brighter for years. I do not know who is likely to be the nominee of the party in the Second district. Much depends on whether or not Congressman Sutherland will ask for re-election to the House. The impression among those who are nourishing congressional ambitions seems to be that Mr. Sutherland is going to be a candidate for the Senate. In that event George M. Bowers and Speaker Vernon Johnson are pretty certain to be candidates, and likely one or two others. In the First district, it appears to me that Thomas W. Fleming has far and away the advantage and will win the nomination. Col. Fleming makes a telling campaign and has enthusiastic supporters in every part of the district. He has proved himself a most successful campaigner as he has in everything else he has undertaken in life. With Mr. Fleming the nominee there will be no need for worry as to the outcome. He will swing the First district back into the Republican column with a rattling big majority. The situation in the Second is equally as satisfactory. Whoever wins the nomination there will be elected, is the opinion of every Republican I talked with in that district."

"This assistance tendered to other countries, however platonically it may be looked at, is only a business proposition after all, and does not have to take the form of loans nor benevolent subscriptions to aid the needy, but simply and purely the affording of commercial and financial credit for commercial and financial purposes."

Mr. Gonzalez declared that one of the most urgent needs of the international business world at the present time was the establishment of a new clearing center to take the place which the war has forced London to vacate. He pointed out that New York was the logical and inevitable successor to the British metropolis as the world's money center. At the same time he said that America was not "snatching the position from the former financial capital of the world" but was compelled to take London's place to save other nations and her own trade.

Returning to the question of the treatment of foreign customers, Mr. Gonzalez said:

"The diversion of the European industries to the manufacture of deadly weapons, the disablement of the financial machinery available for foreign trade of the countries at war, and even the call to the front of many of their ablest business men, has caused a quasi-paralyzation of their export trade, leaving the world in our hands and at our mercy."

"What have we done to take care of that world thus thrown to us? With a few exceptions we have enforced the most rigid conditions of payment—cash in New York against shipping papers when not a flat and unwelcome demand for money in advance. But this, while it has brought us the money and our coffers are nearly congested, has made no friends for us. Many foreign customers who have had to conform to our exigencies have gone home with vengeance in their hearts and determined to go back to Europe as soon as Europe is on its feet again. We have been reinforcing the future trade of Europe against our own while we have been deceiving ourselves with swollen figures for the present."

Mr. Gonzalez proposed as a partial remedy the establishment of a system of credit of not less than ninety days or more than six months to be extended to reliable merchants in all countries.

Mushrooms have been known to force themselves through cement sidewalk.

Owes Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach troubles. I took three bottles of these Tablets and have since been in the best of health." Obtainable everywhere.—Advertisement.

## BRITISH LASS FOILS JOHN BULL; WEDS AMERICAN, THUS CHANGES NATIONALITY



Dr. and Mrs. Byron Moore.

Miss Dorothy Winifred Barfield, a native of British South Africa, was engaged to Dr. Byron Moore, an American. They had planned to be married at Savannah, Ga. Dr. Moore's home. But the British government in these war times makes it hard for its subjects to get out of the country. So it was decided that the couple should be married in South Africa. The wedding ceremony made the British girl an American. So she got away without trouble, and is now in Savannah with her husband.

## BELGIUM RELIEF NOT NEEDED NOW

So Far as Food is Concerned and American in Charge of the Work Resigns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Announcement that for the time being there is no urgent need for application of American charity for feeding Belgium is made in a statement just given out here, which also announces that Lind W. Bates, the American civil engineer who has been directing the work of the American committee for more than a year, has resigned.

The statement, which was given out by A. J. Hemphill, chairman of the New York committee for relief in Belgium, is as follows:

"The following resolution has been adopted by the committee which was recently requested by President Wilson to co-operate in the United States with the work of the commission for relief in Belgium:

"The recent action of the president of the United States in asking this committee to share in the work of the commission for relief in Belgium is a desire, so far as might be to coordinate and centralize the endeavor. Out of it necessarily came some changes in the plan of operations. For the time being, there is no urgent need for application of American charity for food to the distressed country, that department of the work having been for the time being otherwise provided. As a result of this modified condition, Linton W. Bates, who for more than a year has given of his time and energy without compensation, has resigned his official connection and taken well earned leave of the great undertaking. The committee called into being by the president's invitation cannot permit this retirement without placing on record its sincere appreciation of the great work which Mr. Bates and his volunteer associates have done. Such a great humanitarian undertaking, entered upon when everything in the world was in a state of chaos, brought to a state of high efficiency, and carried on in such manner as to challenge criticism and invite admiration at every turn, deserves commendation on our part and the gratitude of everyone."

"In this changed condition also there comes a dissolution of the woman's section and the committee takes this opportunity to voice its warmest appreciation of, and deep gratitude for, the services rendered by Mrs. Lindon W. Bates, and the members of the woman's executive—Miss Anne Morgan, Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. Edward Hewitt, Miss Mary Parsons, Mrs. William K. Vandervilt and Miss Maude Wetmore. It expresses its indebtedness to all those in the woman's section who so efficiently and self-sacrificingly have done their part in the work of averting starvation in Belgium. The committee desires to add its heartfelt thanks for the generous offer of continued individual co-operation and assistance extended by the executive of the woman's section.

(Signed) "A. J. HEMPHILL,  
Chairman of New York Committee."

BURIAL IN GREENLAWN.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary J. Sacks, aged 76 years, who died at her home on South Chestnut street, Sunday after a lingering illness of asthma, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home and burial will be in the Greenlawn cemetery.

Miners of this country furnish fifty-three per cent of all the freight carried by railroads.

## SCHEDULE

For the University of Virginia Basketball Five is Announced.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM.)  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 7.—The University of Virginia basketball schedule for the 1916 season will include practically all of the leading southern colleges and universities. It will be of interest to note that West Virginia University will for the first time appear in Fayetteville weather stadium, in a basketball game with the University of Virginia. Another West Virginia team, West Virginia Wesleyan College, will appear here in their second game with the University of Virginia.

The schedule is as follows:  
Georgetown University—January 15, at University, Va.  
Richmond College—January 19, at University, Va.  
Catholic University—January 22, at University, Va.  
Virginia Military Institute—January 29, at University, Va.  
Washington and Lee University—February 5, at Lynchburg, Va.  
University of North Carolina—February 7, at Richmond, Va.  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute—February 9, at University, Va.  
Trinity College—February 11, at University, Va.  
West Virginia Wesleyan College—February 14, at University, Va.  
West Virginia University—February 17, at University, Va.  
United States Naval Academy—February 23, at Annapolis, Md.  
George Washington University—February 24, at Washington, D. C.  
Catholic University—March 4, at Washington, D. C.

## ORGANIZED

For the Woman Suffrage Campaign is Clay District Now.

Miss Lavinia Engle, of Washington, D. C., secretary for the National Woman Suffrage Association, was well received during the few days she spent in Harrison county last week. She proved to be a brilliant speaker with a charming personality and won many for the cause of equal suffrage.

Thursday evening Miss Engle addressed a fair sized audience at Bridgeport. Friday evening she was greeted by approximately 200 persons at Grassell. Saturday evening, she organized Clay district at Shinnston with Mrs. U. A. Vincent, of Shinnston, district leader. This is the third district of the county that is organized, the others being Simpson and Tennille.

HAUGHTON FUNERAL

Services Will Be Held at Former Home at New Albans, Ind.

The body of Thomas Haughton, who died in a local hospital Sunday after a few days' illness of peritonitis which developed following an operation for appendicitis, will be taken to his former home at New Albans, Ind., where the funeral services and burial will be held. The funeral party will leave here on Baltimore and Ohio fast passenger train No. 55 Tuesday evening.

## To the Consumer: BUY IN CLARKSBURG

Your dollars stay at home if you do your Christmas shopping in Clarksburg.

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Keep your money in Clarksburg. Your interests are here. You want to see this place prosper.

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There's no better way to make this city prosperous than to spend your money with the local merchants.

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Therefore, don't take your money out of town. Keep it here. You'll find that the local merchant can fill any of your wants.

## To the Merchant:

This is your "Harvest Time"—the holiday season; you have made ample preparation for it in every possible way.

You have filled your store with the best and newest holiday goods that money could buy. Your store reflects the Xmas spirit.

The consumer must know this—must know about your goods, about your prices, about your excellent store service.

The great medium for getting this news—you store news—to the public is through the advertising columns of West Virginia's leading newspaper—The Telegram.

The seventh "Buy in Clarksburg" section will be issued

## Thursday, December 9

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